

| SI.No. | State/U.T. | Total |
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| 21. | Maharashtra | 51 |
| 22. | Manipur | 5 |
| 23. | Meghalaya | 7 |
| 24. | Mizoram | 2 |
| 25. | Nagaland | 5 |
| 26. | Orissa | 29 |
| 27. | Pondicherry | 2 |
| 28. | Punjab | 39 |
| 29. | Rajasthan | 55 |
| 30. | Sikkim | 2 |
| 31. | Tamil Nadu | 31 |
| 32. | Tripura | 5 |
| 33. | U.P. | 93 |
| 34. | Uttaranchal | 42 |
| 35. | West Bengal | 48 |
| Total | | 916 |

Linguistic survey

2777. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to conduct a linguistic survey across the entire length and breadth of the country beginning from 2007 for a period of 10 years with an expenditure of Rs. 280 crores;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether it is a fact that the linguistic profile of the country currently available with Government does not contain the data for most part of South India since the last linguistic survey did not cover this region; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the alternative data, if any, relied upon by Government hitherto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY .OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) and (b) There is a proposal to conduct a Linguistic Survey of the country which is likely to be completed within ten years of its commmissioning. The total budgetary requirement during Eleventh Plan period for this project has been estimated at Rs. 280 crores. During the Twelfth Plan period, estimated expenditure is Rs. 308 crores.

(c) and (d) The Census data on languages/mother tongues of Indian Union are presented State and Union Territory-wise, and not Zonal/Regional category wise like 'South India' etc. The census data on language/mother tongues covers the whole of India uniformly and uniquely. However, the country's first Linguistic Survey conducted under the superintendent-ship of Sir George Abraham Grierson from 1894. to 1927 in pre-independent India had excluded the Provinces of Madras and Burma, and the States of Hyderabad and Mysore. The data on lanugage derived from decennial census enumeration throughout India, are the only primary and authentic data available to the people of the country so far as language profile is concerned.

Findings of National Knowledge Commission

2778. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) what are the findings of National Knowledge Commission regarding implementation of Right to Education (RTE) Bill in meeting Government responsibilities;
- (b) the allocation of funds required/sanctioned by the Centre indicating response of State Governments in meeting their share of responsibilities;
- (c) whether Government intends to amend the Right to Education Bill, so as to provide adequate Central funds and to set a time-frame for States to pass corresponding RTE Bills; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) to (d) The National Knowledge Commission have expressed their view that consequent upon enactment of the Constitution (Eighty-sixth Amendment) Act, 2002, the legislation envisaged under Article 21A of the Constitution which makes